

Preliminary Amendment
Appn. No.: National Stage of PCT/JP2004/016915

REMARKS

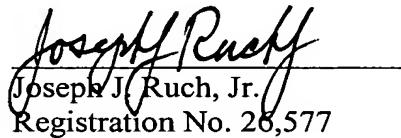
Claims 17 and 25 are amended herein (claims 1 and 37 were amended previously in an Article 34 Amendment and claim 2 was canceled) to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of the pending claims.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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